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	10/524,290	KOTANI ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14, 17 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2-11-05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

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Receipt and entry of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment dated February 11, 2005 is acknowledged.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because in figure 6, box 104, "<" should be changed to -- > -- (see page 13, lines 19-23 of the specification). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because it is replete with grammatical errors too numerous to mention in all instances. The following are several examples of defects. The specification should be carefully proofread for additional defects. Appropriate correction is required.

On page 1, "DESCRIPTION" is superfluous and should be deleted.

On page 1, "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" is superfluous and should be deleted.

On page 1, last line, "Other" should be changed to -- An other --.

On page 2, line 19, "but" should be deleted.

On page 2, line 25, "the" should be deleted.

On page 3, line 32, "than" is unclear.

On page 5, line 16, "and the blow-off valve" is unclear.

On page 15, line 11, "102" should be changed to -- 118 --.

On page 15, line 13, "88" should be changed to -- 116 --.

On page 17, line 12, "liner" should be changed to -- linear --.

A substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) is required. The substitute specification filed must be accompanied by a statement that it contains no new matter.

Claim Objections

Claims 12 and 14-19 are objected to because of the following informalities: Appropriate correction is required.

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In claim 12, line 3, “surging” (second occurrence) should be changed to -- the surging --.

In claim 15, last line, -- the minimum -- should be inserted after “of”.

In claim 16, line 2, -- minimum -- should be inserted after “the” (first occurrence).

In claim 16, line 3, “surging” should be changed to -- the surging --.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11-14, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 11, line 18, “a suction condition” is a double recitation and should be changed to -- the suction condition --. In claim 17, line 5, “amount” is inaccurate and should be changed to -- rate --. In claim 19, lines 3-4, which recite “when the discharge pressure is higher than a target discharge pressure and the blow-off valve” are inaccurate and unclear, because they literally state that the discharge pressure is higher than the blow-off valve, which is not possible for a pressure (which is a quantity) to be higher than a blow off-valve (which is an object).

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Kotani is cited to show a turbo-compressor control arrangement with a controller that controls a blow-off valve and inlet guide vanes and a memory. This patent has a later effective filing date than that of the instant application.

Blotenberg is cited to show a turbo-compressor control arrangement with control of surge valves and inlet guide vanes.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 10 is allowed.

Claims 15-16 and 18 contain allowable subject matter; applicant should correct the informalities therein.

Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 12-14, 17, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Verdier whose telephone number is (571) 272-4824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00-6:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward K. Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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C.V.
April 28, 2006



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